

ORDER OF SERVICE
July 9, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: God is all mercy and grace –Slow to anger and rich in love. God is good to one and all – Everything God does is suffused with grace. God provides help in moments of trouble –and throws us a lifeline when we feel like we are drowning. Come, let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE: VU375
Spirit of Gentleness

OPENING PRAYER

L: How wonderful are your works! How great are your ways! You are generous in love and kindness, endless in goodness and power, over-flowing with grace and mercy.

P: You fill the world with truth and justice and offer all people hope and new beginnings.

L: We confess to You, that sometimes we have allowed ourselves to become so busy that we struggle to hear your voice or see you at work in the world.

ALL: Caught up in our day to day affairs we fail to notice the people around us. Weighed down by many tasks, heavy cares and distractions, we forget to come you in prayer and to lay everything at your feet. Teach us how to live freely and lightly. Help us to enter into your rhythm of grace and salvation. Help us to remain faithful in times of trouble, gentle when

confronted and self controlled when we desire to react harshly. In the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

PSALM 92 (read alternately)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN VU365
Jesus Loves Me
(Children are invited to come forward)

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Let us present our tithes and offering according to the blessing that we have received.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN VU226 For
the Beauty of the Earth (V 1, 4)

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

L: We thank you O Lord for sources of income, for the strength to do our passion and earn a living. Receive this offering for the sake of those who have no source, have not strength and do not earn. Guide us as we seek to faithfully use it to continue your ministry in this community. AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -“Be Still and Know”

God of boundless grace and unparalleled love, help us to discover your purpose for our lives. Free us from the limits of our past and keep us open to all possibilities.

We pray your blessing on those who extend the boundaries of love, who show kindness to strangers and forgiveness to people who hurt them; Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the salvation of those who suffer under the influence of anger, jealousy, resentment or bitterness. Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

We pray for your wisdom to inspire politicians, judges, lawyers, and all who form and keep our laws; Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

We pray for your mercy on those who have become exclusive and rigid, or dogmatic, self-righteous and judgmental: Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the healing on those who are ill, feel a deep sorrow, injured, or afraid: Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have a new lease on life, who have found a new way to serve or new direction to follow Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

To you, the source of eternal life, we bring you these prayers for the world and one another. My prayer is

God eternal, keep us in communion with your people of all times and in all places that we may serve you faithfully until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Galatians 5:22-26

2 Peter 1:5–6

John 15:1-2, 4-5, 8, 16

James 3:2,13

HYMN VU343 I Love to Tell the Story (v2 & refrain)

REFLECTION – Fruit For All Seasons – Part 2 – Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control

CLOSING HYMN - VU506 Take My Life And Let It Be

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: May you be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.”

CHORAL BLESSING – May the Love

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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